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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000

LONDON:
Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.
BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERSIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT
and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE.
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK
will be conducted by the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on their premises in
Hongkong, Business Hours on WEEK-
DAYS, 10 to 1; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.
2.—SUMS LESS THAN £1, OR MORE THAN
£25, at one time will not be received. No
Depositor may deposit more than \$2500
in any one year.
- 3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK,
having £100, or more, at their credit may
at their option transfer the same to the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12
months at 4 per Cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 per
annum will be allowed to Depositors on
their daily balances.
- 5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis
with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented
with each payment or withdrawal.
Depositors must not make any entries them-
selves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send
them to be written up at least twice a year,
about the beginning of January and
beginning of July.
- 6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business
of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be
forwarded free by the various British Post
Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and
the production of his PASS-BOOK, are
necessary.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1890.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £7,500,000
RESERVE FUND £4,400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS £7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS—
CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK.
B. LAYTON, Esq.
S. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.
Hon. A. P. MCLEWIS.
J. S. MOSES, Esq.
L. POINTELLIER, Esq.
D. R. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG—G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at
the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING and
EXCHANGE business transacted.
DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1890.

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND
CALL of One Dollar per Share in the
above Company is due on the 15th day of
February next, and is payable at the Chartered
Bank of India, Australia, and China.
INTEREST at the rate of Twelve per cent.
per annum will be charged on all calls unpaid
on the due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. BARRETTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1890.

THE SHAMHEEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a THIRD
CALL of Five Dollars per Share in the
above Company is due on the 15th day of
February next, and is payable at the Chartered
Bank of India, Australia, and China.

INTEREST at the rate of Twelve per cent.
per annum will be charged on all calls unpaid
on the due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. BARRETTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1890.

Intimations

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

BOOKS TO BE READ IMMEDIATELY.

JUST ARRIVED BY THE MAIL.

- "A YANKEE AT THE COURT OF KING ARTHUR," by Mark Twain, with
220 illustrations.....\$3.00
"H. M. STANLEY'S LETTERS," being the Story of Emin Pasha's Rescue 0.40
"JOHN BULL, JUNIOR," by Max O'Rell 0.40
"MISS MEPHISTOPHEL'S," by Fergus Hume (Author of "The Mystery of a Hansom
Cab") 0.75

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1890

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

- NEW FRENCH NOVELS.
The Improved Demon Tennis Racquet.
Office Inkstands in great variety.
Handsome Wood Inkstands.
Handsome Birthday Cards in boxes.
New Photo Frames.
Lancaster's Instantograph Cameras and Lenses.
Albums for unmounted Photos.
Newspaper Cuttings Albums.
Ebonite Flat Rulers.
- New Framed Pictures.
Magazine of Art, 1889.
Men's Russia Leather Shoes.
Ladies' Shoes.
Men's Calf.
Ladies' Ghac Kid Shoes.
Cheap Commercial Envelopes, \$1 per 1000.
Note, 60c. per 4 packets.
Fine Irish Linen, Ulster Linen.
Busycout and other fine quality.
Note Papers at very reasonable prices.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1890

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG RACES!

- BUCKSKIN RACING SADDLES with
furniture 3d. complete.
Nicholson's best Buckskin Racing Saddles.
Single and Double Brides and Bits.
Extra Light Racing Reins.
Surcingle, Girths, Rollers, Weight Cloths.
Stirrup Leather & Webs, Headstalls, Cruppers.
Halters, Knee Caps, Fetlock Boots.
- Jockey Whips and Racing Spurs.
Harness, Driving Reins, Driving & Buggy Whips.
Saddle Cloths and Pony Clothing.
Horse Brushes & Stable Requisites of all kinds.
Riding Brushes, Racing Colours, Cover Coats.
Race Scarves, Gloves, Collars, Shirts, &c., &c.
Tall White Hats, Silk Hats, New Felt Hats.
Riding Boots, Jockey Boots, Racing Boot Tops.

FOR SALE.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

NEW GOODS.

- Ullsters & Inverness CAPES.
Chesterfield & Covert COATS.
Cheviot & Saxony SUITINGS.
STYLISH TROUSERS.
RACING COLOURS.
RIDING BREECHES.
- Ladies' HABITS.
" JACKETS.
" ULSTERS.
New FELTHATS (latest styles)
DRAB SHELL HATS.
Single & Double TERAIHATS
- BOOTS AND SHOES.
Gent's DRESS SHIRTS.
" UNDERCLOTHING.
Travelling RUGS & MAUDS
GLADSTONE BAGS.
PORTMANTEAUS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 3rd February 1890

W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENFINLAS"

FIRST DELIVERIES

These goods have been manufactured for us by special arrangement on the earliest
Spring models.

SPRING FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Victoria Exchange,
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 7 per cent.
and BONUS of 1 per cent. or \$1.60 per
Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly
Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be
payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, on and after SATURDAY, the 1st
February.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the
Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1890.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on
SATURDAY, the 15th February, at noon, to
receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Com-
pany to the 31st December, 1889, and the Re-
port of the General Managers, and to discuss any
matters that may be competently brought before
the Meeting.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to 15th February,
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1890.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the
Offices of the Company No. 14, Praya Central,
on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors
and Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1889.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th
instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Registry Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Mr. G. J. W. KING, to Sell by Public
Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 12th February, 1890, at 2 P.M., at his
Residence No. 17, Mosque Junction.

THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
Comprising—

- REP COVERED DRAWING ROOM
SUITS.
CENTRE TABLE, MIRROR PICTURES
AND ORNAMENTS.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDE-
BOARD, WHATNOT, CROCKERY, GLASS
AND PLATED WARE.
DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD, IRON
COTS, WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS,
MARBLE TOP TO LET TABLE and WASH-
STAND.
COOKING RANGE.

&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
Catalogues will be issued and the whole to be
on view on and after Tuesday, the 11th inst.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have this day entered into Partnership
as Solicitors and shall carry on business
under the name of "HOLMES & RODKY."

HENRY J. HOLMES.
ARTHUR B. RODKY.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"BELGIC"
The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA TAKAO,
NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"LOMBARDY"
Will leave for the above places, at DAYLIGHT,
TOMORROW, the 7th instant.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1890.

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
(Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement
offers).

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TEHERAN"
Captain C. D. Sams, R.N.R., will leave for the
above places, on TUESDAY, the 11th February,
at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1890.

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship

"AMOY,"
Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for
the above Port, TOMORROW, the 7th inst., at
4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 6th February, 1890.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HOIHOW AND BANGKOK.
THE Company's Steamship

"CHOW FA,"
Captain F. W. Phillips, will be despatched for
the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 10th inst.,
at 8 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1890.

MOGUL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"TARTAR,"
Captain Bailey, will be despatched on or about
the 11th inst.

This steamer has superior Passenger Accom-
modation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1890.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"
Captain Dowling, will be despatched on or
about the 4th March.

This steamer has superior Passenger Accom-
modation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1890.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(FLORIO AND RUBATTINO
UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY,
having connexion with Company's Mail
Steamers, to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), and
GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRATIC,
LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS
up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through
rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

THE Company's Steamship

"BISAGNO,"
F. Valle, Master, will be despatched as above,
on MONDAY, the 10th instant, at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in
Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890.

STEAM TO LONDON, DIRECT,
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SHANGHAI,"
Captain F. N. Tillard, will leave for the above
place, on or about THURSDAY, the 13th
February.

This vessel is disconnected from the Mail
services, but has excellent accommodation for
through passengers (First Saloon only) at
reduced rates. Electric Light, Deck cabins,
Surgeon carried, &c.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1890.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI
AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA"
will leave for the above places on FRIDAY,
the 14th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"
Williams, Commander, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 15th inst., at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
First Class Saloon and Cabins are situated for-
ward of the engines. Second Class Passengers
are Berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating
chamber ensures the supply of fresh provisions
during the entire voyage. A duly qualified
Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.
THE Company's Steamship

"OANFA,"
W. S. Thomson, Commander, will be despatched
for the above Port, on or about the 17th inst.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"IMPERIAL,"
J. E. Crosby, Master, will leave here for the
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1890.

Mails.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN,
ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA,
GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRIN-
DISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH, AND
LONDON.

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAM-
BURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"PENINSULAR," Capt. W. J. Webster, with Her
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this
for LONDON VIA BOMBAY & SUEZ CANAL,
on WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, at NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until
4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo
for London will be conveyed via Bombay
without transhipment, arriving one week later
than by the direct route via Colombo.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and
PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hong-
kong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are re-
quired to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Black Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for
Marseilles.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"BELGIC"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 13th February,
at 1 P.M.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and the same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco, and return, } \$225.00
To San Francisco, and return, } 393.75
available for 6 months.

To Liverpool, } 325.00
To London, } 330.00
To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per Cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th January 1890

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

Indies. Beyond the present terminus, but in line with its future advance, is the rich agricultural and mineral region of Bechuanaland, larger than California, and already settled by English colonists. Evidently this road has a future before it. American enterprise, and American and English capital, built it. Colonel Murdoch, an American temporarily residing in London, was its promoter. He obtained a concession from the Portuguese Government advantageous to both parties, and built the road within the time and on the terms specified, under the most trying conditions. The Portuguese then came forward with the extraordinary demand that the company should build about six miles further to a new alleged frontier within a certain period when the railway building in that country is a physical impossibility. On the failure of the company to meet this requirement, not contemplated by the original concession or by any subsequent agreement, the Portuguese Government seized and confiscated the road. Colonel Murdoch died pending these proceedings. His death was attributed to the mental distress involved in the threatened ruin of his enterprise. His widow has filed at Washington a claim for damages to the amount of \$3,750,000. Portugal has been brought by Mr. Blaine's vigorous representations to admit a claim, but haggles over the amount due and delays justice.

Beyond the railroad question, England has a serious boundary question to settle with Portugal. About three hundred years ago the Portuguese took possession of Angola and Benguela on the west coast of Africa, and of the Mozambique country, including Delagoa Bay, nearly opposite on the Eastern coast. English colonists, moving northward from the Cape, have settled in the interior, between the Portuguese coast territories. They have occupied the upper waters of the great river Zambesi, the lower part of which is in Portuguese possession. England now demands the free navigation of the river, while Portugal claims the whole interior between her east and west coast settlements. She has but little on which to base such a claim. Between these settlements lies a stretch of about fifteen hundred miles of African barbarism and unexplored territory. An occasional Portuguese explorer or trader has crossed the Continent, but the occupation of the interior has been merely nominal, especially of late years. Sena and Tete, Portuguese trading stations on the Zambesi, are sinking into decay, and Zumbo, still further inland, although but a few hundred miles from the coast, has been abandoned, until its late re-occupation, for nearly a century. Even on the coast Portuguese occupation is practically confined to a few garrisoned towns.

Of course, England's boundary troubles with Portugal are none of our business, but we have a community of interest in the settlement of the railroad matter and it is natural and expedient that the two Governments should stand in with each other in bringing pressure upon Portugal. It is not likely that our ships will have any opportunity to try their new ruffled guns, but their presence in the Tagus, contemporaneously with the dispatch of a British squadron to Delagoa Bay, may convince Portugal that it will be better to do about the right thing.—S. F. Bulletin

HERMANN'S POKER STORY.

Professor Hermann, the well-known prestidigitator, tells an amusing poker story in which he was a victim.

"I never play cards in earnest," said Hermann. "Those who know me wouldn't play with me anyhow, and, of course, I wouldn't take any advantage of those who don't. But I remember one night, not a thousand years ago, that in order to amuse a few friends I sat down to a quiet little game of poker. You see, it was this way: I met the friends and was introduced to an innocent looking youth of the due persuasion, whose face was vacant in expression as a pound of putty. This youth had been bragging of his powers as a poker player, and had made the others so tired that they whispered me to take the conceit out of him for the fun there was in it. I was ready, and we sat down."

"In Philadelphia, no? They don't play poker in Philadelphia. This was in—Well, when we began the game I allowed the youngster to win in order to get him interested, and, the better to enjoy the circus, the others dropped out and my victim and I had the table to ourselves. Of course I was to give him back whatever I won from him—that was understood. We didn't play with chips, as we had no money, but made the game a quarter ante and a dollar limit, so that we could use the money without making any awkward change. Every time my callow friend won a pot he put the silver and bills in his pocket, and would chip in the stuff as he needed it. After he had won a respectable pile I began to get my work in, and by handling and dealing the cards in my own peculiar way I soon had his pile in a fair way to innocuous desuetude. Occasionally I would let him win, just to keep the fun up, and I don't know but what I enjoyed my opponent's innocence as much as did my friends. But all things must have an end. Finally I cleared him out, much to his surprise, and ordered a bottle. My friends couldn't keep it in any longer.

"I say, old man," said one, "do you know who you've been playing with?"

"Yes," replied my victim, calmly, "Herrmann, the magician, and he's a good player."

This was somewhat of a surprise all round. But I laughed, and handed him back the money I had won. He wouldn't take it. No, sir. Said I had won it; had he won mine he would have kept it, and under no circumstances would he take it back. That was not his way of playing poker. It was no use for me to protest—to tell him that he had deliberately robbed him. He was sorry that he had got in with a man who didn't play a square game, but that it was his lookout. He ought to have seen that he was being fleeced, but as he had been fleeced and with his eyes open, too, he was not a man to squeal. I tell you I felt mean, I didn't think it half so funny then as I did before. But all I could do or say made no impression on my victim, and with a dignified look he left us.

"All I can do," I said to one of my friends, "will be to give this money to some charitable institution."

"Then I gave the waiter one of the bills I had won to pay for the wine. He came back with it, and the information that it was a counterfeit. Yes, sir. That guileless youth had won my good money and rung in over a hundred dollars' worth of paper on me that wasn't worth a cent a pound. I'm pretty good on handling cards, but poker is a mighty uncertain game—mighty uncertain."

DOGS PRONE TO MADNESS.

WHETHER CERTAIN BREEDS ARE MORE LIABLE THAN OTHERS.

Harrison Weir, the English artist and illustrator, renowned as a student of natural history, writes to the London Standard on the subject of hydrophobia as follows: "A short time since letters appeared in the Standard relating to the muzzling of dogs, etc. One from a vegetarian stated that if dogs were only fed on vegetables there would be no madness."

was too busy at the time to reply to this assertion, but now do so. I had a collie dog that, to my knowledge, was never fed on other food than biscuits in the winter and oatmeal and vegetables in the summer, yet, for all this, the dog went mad—was bitten, and as no wound could be discovered on it. Again, how will the vegetarian reconcile his theory with the fact of the deer in Richmond Park going mad? Surely these never tasted meat.

"Again, I cannot think for one moment that those who keep entirely useless dogs ought to object to the other portion of the community endeavoring as much as possible to protect themselves from a dreadful, painful, horrible death. What a man keeps for his pleasure ought not to be to the detriment of others. I know of nothing so wearying to the suffering, tired, and sleepless as the continued barking of the dog; but add to this the also continual fear of madness, and is it too much to ask that such dogs should be prevented from doing bodily harm either to the human or the brute creation?"

"But this is not the reason of my writing, though it leads to it. For many years I have thought it would be well if the breed of every dog showing particular and sudden ferocity or madness could be reported, and thus it might be observed whether any one breed was more prone to this outbreak than another. For a very long time I have endeavored as much as I could to find out whether there existed any difference in this respect; and, as far as I can ascertain, in all truthfulness, I am bound to say that I believe there are more retrievers on the list than any other breed—eight or nine to one. I have never heard of a mastiff so falling. Very few fox-terriers, two or three pointers, two spaniels, no greyhounds, nor dachshunds, nor poodles, but the number of retrievers has been extraordinary and continuous. Only a short time since, in conversation with a friend who kept a retriever, I said: 'I would not keep one if I were paid £200 a year!' 'Why?' said he, 'you would find he is the most delightful dog, etc. I saw my friend the other day, when he told me the dog had suddenly bitten several children and had to be destroyed, and he then mentioned other cases. When I last wrote on this question I called attention to the retriever, and I received a number of letters, all stating cases within the writer's knowledge of the peculiar unreliability of the breed. I may add, although I am very fond of dogs, nothing would induce me to have or keep a black retriever."

"What I wish to ask through your columns is this: that in some way or other a report should be furnished, either by the police or others, making known in cases of madness or at requests the breed or breeds of such dogs for the purpose of science, and for noting whether it is really undesirable that such and such breeds should be kept at all. I am told that the Pomeranian is an uncertain dog, and in some countries is not allowed; but of this I am not acquainted. But I think it is time that some method should be adopted to learn the statistics of madness in the breeds of dogs, so that some measures should be taken to prevent the fearful consequences of hydrophobia beyond that of simply muzzling."

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

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Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—198 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$103 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 350 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$130 per share.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 96 per share.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$400 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$904 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—59 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$39 per share, ex. div. sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$61.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—123 per cent. div. buyers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$66 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$224 per share, sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$70 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$23 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$104 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share.
 Punjom and Sunghie Doo Saman Mining Co.—\$19 per share, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$93 per share, sellers.
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$375 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—200 per cent. prem. sellers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$61 per share, sellers.
 The Seng Kok Planting Co., Ltd.—\$61 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—par, nominal.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$38 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co. (Old Issue)—\$33 per share, buyers.
 The Green Island Cement Co. (New Issue)—\$5 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$100 per share, ex. div. buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, nominal.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$30 per share, nominal.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, buyers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$20 per share, sellers.
 The Labak Planting Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.
 The Jelabu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, buyers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$31 per share, buyers.
 The Shamoon Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$16 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—25 per cent. premium, nominal.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/11
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
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 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/11
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 7/11
 Private, 30 days' sight 7/11

OPIMUM MARKET—THIS DAY.
 NEW MALWA, per picul... \$530 to \$540 (Allowance, Tals 48).
 OLD MALWA, per picul... \$550 (Allowance, Tals 48).
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest... \$502
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest... \$501
 NEW PATNA, (third choice) per chest... \$500
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest... \$499
 NEW PATNA, (best quality) per picul... \$540
 OLD PATNA, (best quality) per picul... \$500
 OLD PATNA, (second quality) per picul... \$475

MAILS EXPECTED.
THE FRENCH MAIL.
 The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Malbourne*, with the next outward French mail, left Singapore on the morning of the 6th instant, and may be expected here on the 14th.
THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The steamer *Jagan*, with mails, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is expected here on the 10th.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 21st ultimo, and is due here on or about the 18th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
 The steamer *Strathern*, from New York, left Singapore on the 29th ultimo, and is due here on the 6th instant.
 The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Cyclops*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 31st ulto, and is due here on the 6th instant.
 The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Pallurus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and is due here on the 11th.
 The steamer *Taylor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and is due here on the 11th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Bombay*, from London, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and is due here on the 12th.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Talbot*, left Bombay on the 1st instant, and is due here on the 10th.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

5th February, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Barometer level and state of sky at 9 P.M.	Thermom- eter.	Humidity.	Wind.		Weather.	Sea, last 48 hours.
				Direction and force.	Force.		
Wai-ivioslock	30.00	31	...	SE	3	0	...
Tokyo	30.10	32	...	SE	3	0	...
Nagasaki	30.13	...	...	SW	8	...	...
Banghal	30.10	32	...	SE	1	...	...
Amoy	30.10	65	38	SE	...	...	...
Hongkong	30.09	70	38	SE	...	...	...
Haiphong	30.10	70	38	...	...	...	...
Manila	30.09	81	53	SW	...	...	...
Amoy	30.09	81	53	NE	...	...	...